

**Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
Minutes
May 8, 2025 @ 5:30 p.m.**

Attendance:

Council members: Fr. Suresh, Lisa Ley, Shelley Knorr, Neyda Long, Jose Zeron, Juanita Gaudet, Evert Garcia, Mark Tejares, Nadine LeBlanc

Non-Council members: Bernadet Samulski (Finance Council)

Regrets: Mary Coates

1. Land Acknowledgment Statement – Nadine LeBlanc; Open Prayer - Father Suresh
2. Agenda Approval – approved with addition of 4 d) Election Update
3. Minutes of April 10, 2025 – Approved with the addition of Lisa Ley as volunteer for Election Committee
4. Business Arising:
 - a) AGM Update May 18th & St. Dunstan's Feast (Combined)
 - i. Meeting will be at 2pm
 - ii. Nadine to check with the office regarding readiness of report
 - iii. Cake and tea/coffee will be served in recognition of St. Dunstan's Feast Day
 - b) Triduum
 - i. A letter of concerns will be going to the Bishop from parishioners
 - c) Pilgrim for Jubilee year
 - i. Parishioners have been asking about going to St. Anne de Beaupre. Nadine will check with Marlita to see if there are any plans for this year
 - ii. Nadine will follow up with Fr. Shawn regarding a pilgrimage to St. Michael's Basilica in Miramichi
 - d) Election Update
 - i. The Election Committee will be meeting in June to start the process
 - ii. Will follow the same process as last time
5. New Pastoral items:
 - a) Tree planting
 - i. Local CLC group have asked to plant a tree at Sts John and Paul to celebrate creation and in memory of Pope Francis
 - ii. Approval given
 - b) Helping UNB Students Cope With Rising Costs
 - i. Unable to at this time as support is currently being provided to St. Thomas University for its students
 - c) Filipino-Canadian Heritage Month
 - i. June is Filipina-Canadian Heritage Month
 - ii. A thanksgiving mass and fellowship is planned for June 21st.
6. Written Committee Reports:
 - a) Faith Formation – see attached
 - b) Finance Council – no report
 - c) Communication – see attached
 - d) Liturgy – see attached

- e) Couple for Christ – no report
- f) K. of C. – no report
- g) CWL – no report
- h) Truth and Reconciliation – see attached
- i) Men's Group – see attached

7. Comments from Father Suresh

- a) Encouraging prayers for our new Pope
- b) A mission will be held in June by Bishop Reisbeck at St. Theresa's Church in Fredericton. Daily mass at St. Dunstan's will be cancelled on those days.
- c) Bell tower at St. Columba is unstable. Would like to investigate moving it down to ground level and start ringing the bell again.

8. Closing Prayer - Father Suresh.

Date/Time next meeting: June 12th @ 5:30 p.m at Sts. John & Paul